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In re Patent Application of:

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Title: CONFIGURABLE RULE-ENGINE

FOR LAYER-7 AND TRAFFIC CHARACTERISTIC-BASED

CLASSIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

A Drawing Change Authorization Request is filed concurrently herewith, requesting clarifying changes to FIGs. 2A, 2B.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification, as follows.

Page 16, line 14, after "210A-D", insert -- . - ; change "and performs actions to classify the received packets into their proper class in response to the information provided